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1. ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 18 EXCELSIOR, WIDOW OF LATE PRESIDENT ALLENDE PLANS AN EARLY TRIP TO CUBA TO VISIT HER DAUGHTER BEATRIZ, WIFE OF CUBAN DIPLOMAT LUIS FERNANDEZ ONA. SHE TEMPORARILY IS RESIDING AT RESIDENCE OF CHILEAN AMBASSADOR. ACCORDING TO LEGAL ATTACHE SOURCE, PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR MRS. ALLENDE AND MEMBERS OF HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO MOVE TO PRIVATE SAN JERONOMO RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. ECHEVERRIA.

2. INTERIOR SECRETARIAT ACTED WITH DISPATCH IN GRANTING FORMAL ASYLUM TO 28 CHILEANS WHO ARRIVED SUNDAY (INCLUDING MRS. ALLENDE). THIS ACTION WILL ENABLE ASYLEES TO REGULARIZE THEIR STATUS AND, PRESUMABLY, EXPEDITIOUSLY TO OBTAIN WORK PERMITS.

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT JUNTA OFFICIALLY HAS ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF EX-AMBASSADOR VIGORENA AND HAS NAMED CAREER DIPLOMAT LUIS CASTELLON CRUZ AS CHARGE'. VIGORENA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL MEET IN MEXICO WITH "OTHER
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DIPLOMATS" WHO HAVE RESIGNED BUT HE DISCOUNTED AS

UNREALISTIC IDEA OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

4. SAME LEGAL ATTACHE SOURCE CITED ABOVE REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IS QUITE UPSET OVER REPORTED DELAY IN ISSUING SAFE CONDUCT TO SOME 30 EX-OFFICIALS OF ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDINGLY, PRESIDENT PERSONALLY ORDERED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DIPLOMATIC SERVICES, RAUL VALDES, ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ CORBALA ON HIS RETURN TO CHILE; VALDES CHARGED WITH WORKING OUT DETAILS OF SAFE CONDUCT. MEANWHILE, FONSECRETARY RABASA QUOTED AS SAYING THAT MEXICO WILL SEND "AS MANY PLANES AS NECESSARY" TO CARRY OUT EVACUATION OF ASYLEES (REPORTED AS MANY AS 200) STILL IN MEXICAN EMBASSY.

5. MAJORITY OF EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY OBSERVING GOM-DECREED 3-DAY MOURNING PERIOD. WE HAVE NOT DONE SO AND ARE IN GOOD COMPANY WITH JAPANESE, SWISS, AND AUSTRIANS AMONG OTHERS. BOTH DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS (DOMINICAN) AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TOLD CHARGE THAT EACH EMBASSY INDEPENDENTLY SHOULD DECIDE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO FOLLOW GOM LEAD. DOMINICANS OBSERVED 3-DAY MOURNING DECREED BY SANTO DOMINGO, BUT NOT THAT OF GOM. SEVERAL EUROPEANS HAVE FUZZED ISSUED BY COMBINING WITH OBSERVANCE OF DEATH OF SWEDEN'S KING GUSTAV.

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